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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Local Government was called to order by Chairman Lower.

Members present: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Runestad, Howell, Alexander, Frederick, Hauck, Green, Moss, Ellison, Cambensy.

Members absent/excused: None.

The Chair laid HB 5955, HB 5956, HB 5957, HB 5958, HB 5959, HB 5960, HB 5961, HB 5962, HB 5963, HB 5964, and HB 5965 before the committee.

HB 5955 (Lower)	Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; authority of political subdivisions to enforce or impose occupational fees or licensing requirements or to regulate certain professions; limit.
HB 5956 (Lower)	Townships; other; authority of townships to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5957 (Cole)	Villages; home rule; authority of villages to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5958 (Albert)	Townships; ordinances; authority of townships to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5959 (Albert)	Townships; charter; authority of charter townships to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5960 (Wentworth)	Cities; home rule; authority of cities to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5961 (Wentworth)	Cities; fourth class; authority of fourth class cities to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5962 (Chatfield)	Counties; other; authority of counties to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.

HB 5963 (Lilly)	Villages; general law; authority of general law villages to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5964 (Calley)	Counties; optional unified form of county government; authority of optional unified form of county government to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.
HB 5965 (Calley)	Counties; charter; authority of charter counties to impose licensing requirements on certain occupations; clarify and limit.

The Chair turned the gavel over to Vice-Chair Crawford, the time being 12:06 p.m.

Chairman Lower testified in support of the package of bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair returned to the gavel, the time being 12:23 p.m.

Jarrett Skorup, representing the Mackinac Center, testified in support of House Bill No. 5955.

Shannon Alford, representing the Opportunity Solutions Project, testified in support of the bill package.

Lee McGrath, representing the Institute for Justice, testified in support of House Bill No. 5955. Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses, testified in support of the bill package.

Jen Rigterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card in opposition to House Bill No. 5959, but did not wish to speak.

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, submitted a card in support of House Bill No. 5955, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill package, but did not wish to speak.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Christian Fairbanks, representing the Michigan Realtors Association.

Jeff Wiggins, representing the Associated Builder and Contractors.

The Chair laid HB 5950 before the committee:

HB 5950 (Marino)	Townships; general law; procedure to compel the attendance of board members and officers at township meetings; provide for.
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Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hauck moved to report out HB 5950 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Runestad, Alexander, Frederick, Hauck.

Nays: Reps. Howell, Green, Moss, Ellison Cambensy.

Pass: Reps. None.

Representative Crawford moved to adopt the minutes of May 16th, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Lower adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:49 p.m.

Representative Jim Lower, Chair_____

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